

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 2004-178-E

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	
South Carolina Electric and Gas Company)	
Application for Adjustments in the Company's)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs)	
_____)	

Elliott F. Elam, Jr., Acting Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina, respectfully petitions the South Carolina Public Service Commission for permission to intervene in the above referenced Docket and represents as follows:

1. On July 1, 2004, South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G) filed an Application with the Commission seeking an increase in its electric rates and charges.
2. The Commission has assigned Docket No. 2004-178-E to this matter.
3. Elliott F. Elam, Jr. is the duly appointed and qualified Acting Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 37-6-604 (2002), and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-830 et seq., (1976 and Supp. 2003), the Consumer Advocate has the discretionary duty to provide legal representation of the consumer interest before state and federal regulatory agencies when such agencies undertake to fix rates or prices for consumer products or services or to enact regulations or establish policies related thereto, and in that capacity the Consumer Advocate does hereby petition to intervene as a formal party of record in Docket No. 2004-178-E.

4. The Consumer Advocate has not fully developed his position on this matter.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner, in order to represent the consumer interest of the State of South Carolina, requests:

- (1) that the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene as a formal party of record on behalf of the consumers of the State of South Carolina;
- (2) a copy of all filings, pleadings, testimony and exhibits filed by all parties of record concerning this proceeding.

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July 1, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have served this day the foregoing **Petition to Intervene** upon the person(s) named below, at the address(es) set forth, by deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid.

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